



H.Res. 1291 –Expressing gratitude for the contributions of the American GI Forum on its 60th anniversary

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1291 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Ciro Rodriguez (D-TX) on June 20, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1291 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 24, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1291 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Recognizes the need for equal access to veterans' benefits for all who have honorably served;
- Supports the goals, ideals, and deeds of the American GI Forum and its members;
- Commends the work of the American GI Forum on its 60th anniversary; and
- Encourages others to join with the American GI Forum to ensure that veterans are never again denied the benefits they rightfully deserve.

BACKGROUND

The American GI Forum is a veterans' support and civil rights organization founded in 1948 by U.S. Army Major Hector P. Garcia. The motto of the Forum is "Education is Our Freedom and Freedom should be Everybody's Business". Local chapters of the American GI Forum sponsor tutoring and mentoring programs, scholarship fundraisers, financial literacy training, and other community services.

In 1998, the American GI Forum was granted a Federal charter by Congress (P.L. 105-231). The American GI Forum operates a Veterans Outreach Program which provides employment, training, and counseling for veterans in the Southwestern United States.

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